



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Ijdo et al.

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For: VISCOSITY STABLE  
SMECTITE CLAY SLURRIES

: Examiner: Michael A. Marcheschi

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Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action mailed on December 27, 2005, the Applicant submits the following remarks and amendments herein. A Request for Extension of Time and the appropriate fees therefore, are submitted herewith and form a part hereof.

**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 CFR § 1.8**

I hereby certify that this paper and documents and/or fees referred to herein as transmitted, submitted or enclosed are being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to the Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on the date indicated below.

Name: Sharon B. McCullen Signature: Sharon B. McCullen, Date May 22, 2006